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SUBJ: CYPRUS IN UN: UNFICYP AUGMENTATION

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH USYG URQUHART EARLY MORNING
JULY 22 AMB SCHAUFLE WARNED AGAINST SEEKING SECURITY
COUNCIL APPROVAL OF ANY AUGMENTATION OF UNFICYP. HE
SUGGESTED THAT SYG SHOULD SIMPLY MAKE HIS ARRANGEMENTS
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WITH TROOP CONTRIBUTORS AND THEN INFORM THE COUNCIL.

2. URQUHART INSISTED THAT SYG HAD TO PROTECT HIMSELF IN THE COUNCIL AS HE WOULD HAVE TO INFORM COUNCIL EVENTUALLY. SCHAUFLE AGREED WITH LATTER POINT BUT SAID THAT TO DO SO TOO EARLY WOULD GIVE OPPORTUNITY TO SOVIETS AND OTHERS TO GET INTO QUESTIONS OF COMPOSITION AND SIZE OF FORCE. AUGMENTING PRESENT FORCE COULD BE DONE IN SAME WAY AS REDUCTION WAS EFFECTED. URQUHART ASSURED US THAT THEY WOULD NOT MOVE FURTHER ON THIS SUBJECT WITHOUT CONSULTING US.

3. DURING PERIOD BEFORE COUNCIL CONVENED SYG ASKED AMB BENNETT AND AMB SCHAUFLE TO SPEAK WITH HIM, AT WHICH TIME HE SHOWED THEM STATEMENT WHICH HE PLANNED TO MAKE IF COUNCIL CONVENED. AT THE END OF THE DRAFT STATEMENT REFERRING TO UNFICYP HE "SUGGESTED" THAT HE CONSULT WITH PRESENT TROOP CONTRIBUTORS TO SEEK AUGMENTATION OF CURRENT CONTINGENTS IF SC HAD NO OBJECTION.

4. WE IMMEDIATELY OBJECTED TO THIS FORMULATION NOTING THAT IN OPERATIVE PARA 4 OF SC RES 186 HE HAD AUTHORITY REGARDING THE COMPOSITION AND SIZE OF THE FORCE AND TO OPEN THIS QUESTION IN WAY HE ENVISAGED WOULD ONLY INCREASE HIS DIFFICULTIES. HE ARGUED THAT SC HAD IN THE PAST APPROVED REDUCTIONS. THEREFORE HE WOULD HAVE TO GO BACK TO SC FOR APPROVAL OF INCREASES. SCHAUFLE POINTED OUT THAT SC ONLY APPROVED HIS REPORT BUT DID NOT ADDRESS ITSELF SPECIFICALLY TO REDUCTIONS. AFTER SYG LOOKED CLOSELY AT OPERATIVE PARA 4 OF RES 186 HE CHANGED HIS LANGUAGE, AS FINALLY DELIVERED IN THE COUNCIL, TO STATING HIS INTENTION TO REQUEST TROOP CONTRIBUTORS TO REINFORCE THEIR CONTINGENTS IN CYPRUS AND MADE NO MENTION OF SC ACTION.

5. AS WE OBSERVED DURING MIDDLE EAST CRISIS LAST FALL. US AGAIN HAS BEEN PUT IN THE POSITION OF DEFENDING THE AUTHORITY OF SYG WITHOUT MUCH HELP FROM HIM OR HIS STAFF. BENNETT

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